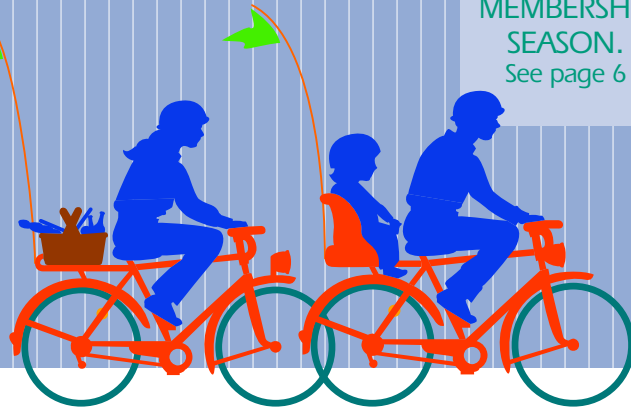


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IN OUR PARKS: GOOD NEWS ON PARK STREAM RESTORATION...AND MORE

County Approves Funding for Goodman Park Stream Project

Goodman Park is on the funding list for Fairfax County's FY2018/FY2019 budget for a total of \$1.8 million dollars! Remember that broken lateral sewer line last April? It was a very clear indicator to Fairfax County staff that we had a problem that was beyond the Civic Association's ability to solve.

Supervisor Dan Storck has informed us that his office met with the County stormwater management staff in March to "review our priorities and the future plans for mitigating this and other community stormwater problems. The Little Hunting Creek Paul Spring Branch work has been divided into two segments. **Segment I, which is the branch just east of Stafford Road [we know it as Goodman Park], has design work starting in FY2018, which begins July 1. I hope for funding of that work [construction] in FY2019. Total costs are expected to be \$1.8 million.**" [These funds are drawn from an approximately \$5 million annual budget dedicated to the County's stormwater/stream work.]

"Segment II, which is west of Stafford Road [Brickelmaier Park], is in the queue at an expected **total cost of \$1.3 million** but no time is identified for design or construction. At this time, staff has identified several other District stormwater management projects as more critical to mitigate than Segment II."

Fairfax County Budget hearings are April 4-6. The Board will adopt the FY2018 budget and tax rate on May 2.

Please let Supervisor Storck know how important this work is to our community. Send him an email, call his office, stop in and shake his hand to say thank you.

You can contact Supervisor Storck and his Chief of Staff Morin by email at Dan.Storck@fairfaxcounty.gov or Christine.Morin@fairfaxcounty.gov. Reach them by phone at 703-780-7518.

[Parks Chair Elisabeth Lardner notes that portions in parentheses are for clarification, bold type was added for excitement and emphasis.]

Spring/Summer Park Celebration Days

When you take part in our Spring/Summer 2017 Park Celebration Days, you'll make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and get much-needed exercise—all while contributing to the beauty and health of our parklands.

No excuses, this is fun and good community building, too. Check out the lineup below. There should be at least *one* date that fits your schedule.

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 9AM, PAUL SPRING PARK**

General clean up and continued removal of ivy from trees. Next time you are at the bottom of Stafford Road, admire the handiwork of our last work party. See the dead ivy tendrils hanging from the trees? Cutting ivy lengths does work! Bring gloves, clippers, and a strong dislike of English ivy. Meeting location: corner of Rebecca Drive and Paul Spring Road.

- **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2PM, SUTTON POTTER PARK**

'Free a tree' by cutting ivy off and removing other vines from targeted trees. Come and welcome our newest warden, Mary Ellen Gillman. Bring gloves, clippers, and a sense of adventure. Meeting location: the park entrance off of Range Road.

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 9AM, MCCALLEY PARK**

We'll chop bamboo in the southeast corner of the park (find the corner pin? figure out the park boundaries?) and remove the rickety bench. Bring saws and loppers to tackle the bamboo.

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 9AM, VOIGT PARK**

Just in time for the 4th of July picnic, a clean-up that will include raking (mostly of fallen gumballs), removing trash from the park and the creek, and a general spruce-up and vine clearance of major pathways. Bring rakes, shovels, and wading boots.

Welcome, New Wardens!

We welcome two new volunteers who will serve as co-wardens in two of our community parks. Barbara Liggett will join Lee Ann Kinzer in overseeing Paul Spring Park, *(continued on page 5)*

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Calendar of community events and information about our parks, the Design Review Committee, the National Historic Registry, and more.

QuickTakes



APRIL MVAH PROGRAM: TENSIONS IN UKRAINE

William Miller, former US Ambassador to Ukraine, will be the featured speaker at the April program of Mount Vernon At Home. He will describe and discuss the serious political difficulties within Ukraine, the increasing belligerence from Russian subsequent to the annexation of Crimea, and the importance of NATO support.

The program, which is open to the public, will be presented on Sunday, April 23, at 3pm, at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church on Mason Hill. Please make your reservations by calling Mount Vernon At Home, 703-303-4060, by April 17.

Ambassador Miller and his wife, Susanne live in Hollin Hills, having first moved here in 1967.

—Mary-Carroll Potter

ANNUAL HH YARD SALE MEANS FUN AND BARGAINS

Our fifth annual Hollin Hills Community Yard Sale is coming up soon! It will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 9am-12noon and, as usual, in the Hollin Hills Pool parking lot. There will be no rain date this year, due to the late scheduling.

If you would like to sell items at the yard sale, contact me (friederikemh@hotmail.com) for further details.

—Friederike Ahrens

The lively scene at last year's yard sale



LET A LITTLE MOSS GROW UNDER YOUR FEET

If you'd like to try something different to replace parts of an uncooperative lawn, check out "Extolling the Lowly Moss," an article written by our own master gardener, Gretchen Spencer. You can find it on the Fairfax County Master Gardener website, fairfaxgardening.org. This site is always a useful source of expert information for local gardeners, especially now, as we are gearing up for spring.



I NEVER FORGET (OR DID I?)

We know, you *always* lock your car. But right now, as you're reading this, stop and think—are you *sure* it's locked? After several recent reports of cars being rifled right in their owners' driveways, one culprit was caught, but there will always be others to take his place. Make it automatic whenever you park: Lock your car!

EARTH DAY AT WEST POTOMAC

In celebration of Earth Day, West Potomac High School is inviting the local community to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and work day for its new Wolverine Green Learning Island. The date is Saturday, April 22, 9am-2pm.

In addition to entertainment, music, and food, there will also be a work component described as "digging in the dirt to bring the green to the Wolverine Green." Help is needed planting native Virginia trees and bushes, spreading mulch, and doing general sprucing up. Volunteers are asked to bring gardening tools, shovels, etc.



REMEMBERING JOE SCHUBERT

Joe Schubert and I moved to Martha's Road in 2003 largely because an arthritic knee was hampering his access to and from his third-floor art studio. We were delighted to find a one-story house with a tall, roomy, light-filled studio space (originally constructed, we were told, as a standalone building by sculptor Carl Mose for the completion of a bronze statue of Stan Musial that stands outside Busch Stadium in St. Louis).

Painting—which had long competed for Joe's time and energy with community theater directing and acting—was his top priority, now that he had wound down most of his post-retirement consulting work. Spurred on by his teachers and colleagues at the Art League of Alexandria and the Vander Zee Gallery, he completed some of his finest watercolors and acrylics over the next dozen years, slowed only by the gradual progression of his Parkinson's disease and a battery of accompanying vision and coordination problems. He was happy to participate in the "Arthaus" experiment that was included as part of the 2010 House & Garden Tour.

Even after he was obliged to use a rollator and to accept someone else's steering, Joe enjoyed walking around Martha's Circle and



Joe Schubert and one of his paintings

greeting passersby. He was always impressed by the neighborhood's diversity of wildlife, and he also appreciated the opportunity of getting to know some of Hollin Hills' two-legged inhabitants, although his appetite for socializing understandably waned in recent years.

An artist friend wrote that Joe was "a wonderful, creative, funny, and caring presence—and a true example of a full life well lived." That's as concise a tribute as any I could offer. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

—Duke Johns

PHOTOJOURNALIST DOCUMENTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Caroline Space

For over a year, photojournalist Caroline Space has been photographing Hollin Hills houses and interviewing their owners. She also supplied many of the striking photographs used in the 2016 House & Garden Tour brochure. A master's candidate at Corcoran College of the Arts & Design

at The George Washington University, she undertook the current project to gather material for her video thesis about our community entitled, "Forest of Lorien." This excerpt from Caroline's artist statement explains that title:

"... [The] mid-century modern neighborhood called Hollin Hills ... is defined by the surrounding nature and unique architecture, which establish a symbiotic relationship. The forest breathes life into the architecture, creating a unity between the people, their homes, and the landscape. Resident Frank Collins III reflects on his habitat, saying, "It's the nearest thing to [J.R.R. Tolkien's] Forest of Lorien." Collins suggests the Forest of Lorien is similar to Hollin Hills in that it is an exceptional force of nature, alive in the way it thrives off the auras of its inhabitants, inhaling and exhaling in perpetuation of harmony. This delicate balance of existing dissolves boundaries

allowing people and nature to exist freely."

In March, Tom and Eleanor Fina and their beautiful home were Caroline's final subjects, and the interview phase of her project is now complete.

Hollin Hillers who had the pleasure of welcoming Caroline into their homes thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can soon see the finished product. "Forests of Lorien" will be screened for the public on Friday, April 14, at 7:15pm, as part of the school's 2017 Thesis Exhibition.

Additional information about Caroline Space's project can be found at www.forestoflorien.com.



Hollin Hills images by Caroline Space

LOOKING BACK: THE BRAINY SHENKERS

I was teaching in a remote teachers college in Thailand in 1987. When I opened a Newsweek magazine, it took me a few seconds to place the face in the photo even though he hadn't changed a bit. My schoolmate and neighbor, Stephen Shenker, of 7210 Beechwood Road, had won the famed MacArthur Fellows Award (sometimes informally known as the MacArthur Genius Award)! After my initial double-take, I

wasn't that surprised. All the Shenkers—Shirley, Henry, and their two sons, Steven and Scott—were brains!

The Shenkers were original Hollin Hillers, living here from 1953 to 2000. Stephen and Scott attended three local schools, all of which, oddly enough, were repurposed in the late 1980s: Hollin Hills Elementary was converted to Paul Spring Retirement Home, West Potomac High was built on the site of *(continued on page 4)*

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the old Bryant Intermediate School, and ‘Old’ Groveton High School became Bryant Alternative High School.

After Groveton, Steve went to Harvard and received his PhD from Cornell. He is a theoretical physicist, has won many more awards after the MacArthur prize, and is a professor in the Department of Physics at Stanford University. His younger brother, Scott, also holds a PhD, and is a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley.

Shirley Shenker, who died last December at the age of 93, was a psychotherapist and also a great neighbor with an even greater laugh. She was never seen without her signature red lipstick. John Risley, another Hollin Hills alumnus, reported that he had seen Shirley December of 2014. “She still had that laugh...

it was just a LIT-tle bit fainter,” John said. Shirley was always there with hugs and a “plant” on our cheeks with that red lipstick that stayed for hours!

Henry Shenker, who died in 2004, was an experimental physicist with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. During World War II, as a meteorologist with the U.S. Army in India and China, he helped guide allied aircraft over the very dangerous “Hump” of the Himalaya Mountains during the China-Burma campaign.

Shirley Shenker with John Risley



—Wendy Kilpatrick.

THE 501c3 PROJECT: WHAT, WHEN, WHY—AND WHAT’S NEXT?

Several Hollin Hillers have been hard at work on establishing a 501c3 organization on behalf of our community and the Hollin Hills Historic District. David Shear, Brian Hooks, Martha Schumacher, Gus Matson, and I have served as a working group to pull together the paperwork for our application. To date, the Friends of Hollin Hills is now registered with the Virginia SCC (State Corporation Commission); our Articles of Incorporation are filed; we have an EIN (tax identification number); we have adopted bylaws; and our 1023 application to the IRS was filed in March 2017. Now we wait and see if the IRS agrees, and while we are waiting, we continue to working diligently.

Cooperation is essential

A key agreement is establishing a letter of understanding between the Friends of Hollin Hills and the CAHH to clearly delineate how we plan to work together in support of our neighborhood, rather than poach each other’s vitality and autonomy.

Why establish a 501c3?

For those who have not been following our progress, our purpose is broad. Organized for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, the Friends of Hollin Hills shall assist in educating the public about and protecting the Hollin Hills Historic District as a national historic resource. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes. A more colloquial statement of our mission is to ensure the long-term (next 100 plus years) viability of the Hollin Hills Historic District, a unique Mid-Century Modern community of significant architectural and historical importance set within a framework of publicly accessible and community-owned and managed parklands.

What will the Friends do?

Future activities of the Friends of Hollin Hills will focus on education about and understanding of the unique qualities of the Hollin Hills Historic District and the care and maintenance of over 30-acres of publicly accessible community-owned landscapes and parklands along the stream valleys and on the hillsides that wind

throughout the Historic District. We envision sponsoring education forums on Mid-Century Modern architecture and the atypical setting of the Hollin Hills structures within the natural landscape, hosting tours, and sustaining our parks and their native vegetation, streams, birds and other wildlife.

The Friends of Hollin Hills Board

The initial Friends of Hollin Hills board is composed of five members: one member representing the Design Review Committee (John Nolan), one member representing the Parks Committee (Elisabeth Lardner), and three at-large members (Christine Hooks, David Shear, and one to be named). We are in search of the fifth board member. An informal advisory board is also being established. One position will be held by a CAHH officer and a second by Martha Schumacher. If you have a passion for our community and are interested in being considered for membership on either board, please let me know.

—Elisabeth Lardner, 703-765-3023 heblardner@aol.com

CLASSIFIEDS

RECOMMENDED: General contractor Brad Furman of Entropic Enterprises, 703-201-6797, 703-768-8773, has been our general contractor for over ten years, taking care of projects both in our home and in two office buildings in Old Town. We recommend Brad with enthusiasm. With hands-on work, he is meticulous and highly skilled, returning to a particular job cheerfully until it is done exactly as we want it. He does big jobs (major repair and rebuilding of our home after a huge oak fell on it) to small repairs (figuring out where a leak is coming from and making needed corrections). Brad is very smart, bringing creative problem solving abilities to out of the ordinary tasks. Having lived in a Hollin Hills house for many years, he understands the eccentricities of our homes. —Bob and Gail Weigl

NOTICE: The deadline for the May issue of the Bulletin will be April 15. Your contributions to our neighborhood newsletter are encouraged and appreciated, (especially when submitted on time).

Book Review



The Children Act, by Ian McEwan

On March 1, the Book Club met at Louise Wiener's house to discuss *The Children Act*, a 2014 novel by Ian McEwan. This novel is the story of Fiona Maye, an intellectually and legally rigorous British High Court judge, who hears cases for the Family Division. These cases are usually heart-breaking for all involved, including the judge, who has not yet recovered from the stress of making a recent ruling about conjoined twins. For one of them to survive, the other would have to die, but their parents could not make a decision that would lead to the death of one, which means that both had to die. At about the same time, several other cases also required really tough decisions.

Meanwhile, things are coming unraveled in the Maye household. Fiona's husband, Jack, after fortifying himself with a few scotches, asks her just when she thinks they last had sex. Her answer makes it clear that she can't remember that far back, Jack explains that he really loves her and wants to stay married to her, but he also wants to have one passionate affair before it is too late.

The next morning, Fiona is thrown into her most tragic,

complicated case yet. A seventeen-year-old boy is dying of leukemia, but he, his family, and their community are all Jehovah's Witnesses, and it is against their religion to have blood transfusions or injections. What decision can Fiona make to save his life but not cut him off from his community? No matter what decision is made, it must be made quickly. And what about her own life?

In the face of personal turmoil, Fiona visits the boy in the hospital. Their conversation allows both of them new insights that bear on the decisions to be taken. When Fiona rules in favor of the hospital, the resulting conflicts among the characters lay bare the difficulties that arise in deciding what the "welfare of the child" truly means.

At our next meeting, we will discuss *The Book of Aron*, by Jim Shephard. We will meet at Anne Parke's house, at 2pm, on April 5. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call 703-768-8572.

—Louise Wiener

MVCCA MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS



The March 2017 Bulletin included a very comprehensive article on the Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations (MVCCA) written by Kathy Seikel, Hollin Hills' representative to the MVCCA since January. The Council meets monthly at the Parkers' Lane Governmental Center to consider resolutions adopted by the following committees: Planning & Zoning, Transportation, Environment & Recreation, Education, Public Safety, and Budget & Finance. With about forty civic associations in the Mt. Vernon area, representation on the Council is very uneven, and the Bulletin article urged residents to become more involved.

Planning & Zoning Committee

My long association with MVCCA, currently as a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee (P & Z), was noted in Kathy's article. Long before my retirement, I had served for several years as chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee. When it became apparent that Hollin Hills was not being adequately represented, I was urged to attend the monthly Planning & Zoning meetings. In the Bulletin, I have tried to summarize the issues discussed at those meetings

The Planning & Zoning and Transportation Committees, which both meet on the first Monday of the month, had leadership changes in March: Andrew Vinisky replaced Mark Viani as P&Z chair, and Frank Cohn, who has headed the Transportation Committee as long as anyone can remember, has retired.

New Bock Farm development plan presented

At its March 6 meeting, P & Z discussion included EMBARK, the long term development of the Richmond Highway corridor. However, the primary topic was what should be developed on Bock

Farm (once known as Hinson Farm and located just south of Mt. Vernon Inova Hospital).

Several presentations for developing Bock Farm had been made at previous P&Z meetings. Initially, it was planned for people 55 and over. The most recent presentation shows three building facing Hinson Farm Road and four buildings of equal size behind them, all three stories high. Each housing unit would be 24 to 28 feet wide with two parking places. A sidewalk is shown to the rear of the complex, and the diagram indicates space for trees around the property. This presentation shows far less density than did the earlier ones.

—Burt Kronstedt

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one of the most heavily used and the largest of our parks. You can meet them both in the park on Saturday morning, April 8. Mike Tommason will be co-warden for Brickelmaier Park, working with the current warden, Ron Ullrich. A big thank you to our new and current wardens—and to all our park volunteers.

More opportunities to participate

- Activities planned for the fall include a trail repair demonstration/work party. Robert Fina, a tried and true Appalachian Trail maintainer will share his hard-won knowledge with us.
- Want to do more? We need an assistant park sign painter. If you are interested, please contact me at 703-765-3023, for details.

—Elisabeth Lardner, Parks Chair
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IT'S **CAHH** MEMBERSHIP SEASON—TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW!

Calling all Hollin Hills residents! The Civic Association (CAHH) membership year is May 1-April 30, and our 2017 membership drive is now underway. It's time to join or renew your membership. Membership forms were sent out in late March. Complete the form and mail it in, or you can complete your membership form and pay your dues online at www.hollinhills.net. (A \$5 convenience fee applies for processing an online payment.) The membership form for mailing may also be printed from the website if you did not receive one in the mail, and a copy is also inserted in the paper version of this Bulletin.

The benefits of membership include receiving the

monthly Bulletin and the Hollin Hills Directory. Your membership dues also allow residents to enjoy community social events, including the Winter Potluck, the 4th of July Parade and Picnic, and the Oktoberfest celebration.

Membership dues also support the administration of our architectural covenants, pay for insurance and other business expenses of the CAHH, and provide funds for the maintenance of Hollin Hills parks and common areas.

If for some reason you did not receive the form or if you have any questions, please contact me at 312-907-1797 or linda.benson@me.com.

—Linda Benson, Membership Chair